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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of  
YOSHIHIRO YANAGISAWA

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IMAGE-FORMING APPARATUS,  
AND IMAGE FORMING  
APPARATUS PRODUCED BY THE:  
PRODUCTION METHOD

Examiner: Unassigned

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February 8, 2001

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

The Japanese language documents listed on the Form PTO-1449 are discussed in the specification at page 2. Applicant submits that the documents are relevant for the reasons noted therein. In addition, Applicant has obtained from a commercial database English language abstracts for the Japanese language documents, copies of which are enclosed for

the Examiner's convenience. Applicant has enclosed a translation of Japanese Application No. 09-161666.

Applicant also requests that the Examiner consider U.S. Patent Application No. 08/626,757 (filed April 2, 1996), a copy of which is also enclosed.

#### FORMAL MATTERS


No fee is believed due in connection with this paper; however, if any fee is due, it should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

#### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in  
our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010.  
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